

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 10/752,674

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner issues a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the inventions of the following groups:

- Group I - Claims 15, 18-21 and 23-26, drawn to a composition comprising equal;
- Group II - Claims 33-50, drawn to a method of treating menopausal syndrome.

Specifically, the Examiner contends that restriction is proper because the product of Group I can be used in a materially different process than that recited in Group II, e.g., in the treatment of prostrate hyperthrophy and/or prostate cancer.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, i.e., Claims 15, 18-21 and 23-26, without traverse.

Applicants note, the Examiner indicates on page 3 of the Office Action that process claims that depend from, or otherwise include all of the limitations of patentable product claims, will be rejoined as a matter of right. Thus, Applicants request rejoinder of method Claims 33-50, as they directly or indirectly depend from Claim 15.

In addition, Applicants request rejoinder of new method Claims 51-59 which directly or indirectly depend from Claim 15, and are supported in Claims 15, 18-21 and 23-26.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number on any questions which might remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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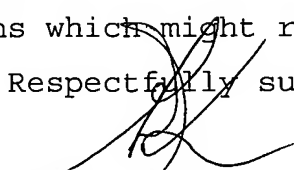
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